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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3438

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, BGEN, MX

SUBJECT: FEA APPROVAL FOR PEMEX PURCHASE OF BRIGHT STOCK

1. OFFICIAL IN PEMEX (PETROLEOS MEXICANOS) HELPFUL TO EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING PERMISSION FROM FEA (FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION) TO IMPORT APPROXIMATELY 35,000 BARRELS OF BRIGHT STOCK (A DRILLING LUBRICANT) FROM U.S. SOURCES.
2. PEMEX HAS ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH A U.S. SUPPLIER FOR BRIGHT STOCK, BUT IS NOW AWAITING FEA APPROVAL. PEMEX TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT HAS PURCHASED BRIGHT STOCK FROM U.S. SOURCES FOR YEARS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1973 WHEN THEY HAD A SMALL SURPLUS FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY ALLOCATIONS BASED ON 1973 FIGURES FAIL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PAST PEMEX PURCHASES.
3. MEXICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH FEA ABOUT PURCHASE, BUT EMBASSY OFFICER AGREED TO PASS REQUEST FORWARD.
4. AS MEXICO IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AS PETROLEUM PRODUCER AND EXPORTER, EMBASSY FEELS ANY SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO PEMEX REQUEST COULD BE USEFUL. IF PROMPT APPROVAL CAN BE GIVEN, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY

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BY CABLE ASAP.

5. SPECIFICATIONS FOR BRIGHT STOCK FOLLOW:

| UNITS | METHODS | ASTM | SPECIFICATIONS |
|--------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| SPECIFIC WT.20/4C | -- | D 1298-67 (72) | 0.902 APROX. |
| DENSITY 15.6/15.6C | --. | D 287-67 (72) | 24.9 APROX. |
| TEMP. INFLAMATION | C | D 92-72 | 280 MIN |
| TEMP. IGNITION | C | D 92-72 | 300 MIN |
| VISCOSITY S.U. 37.8C SEG | | D 445-72 | 3226 APROX. |
| | | D 2161-66 (71) | |
| VISCOSITY S.U. 54.5C SEG | | D 445-72 | 1180 APROX. |
| | | D 2161-66 (71) | |
| VISCOSITY S.U. 98.9C SEG | | D 445-72 | (170/180 |
| | | D 2161-66 (71) | (150-160 |
| INDICE OF VISCOSITY | -- | D 2270-64 (68) | 95 MIN. |
| TEMP. OF DRAINING | C | D 97-66 (71) | -7 MAX. |
| CARBON RAMSBOTTOM WEIGHT | | D 524-64 (68) | 0.5 MAX. |
| INDICE OF NEUTRALIZATION | | | |
| MG KOH/G | | D 664-58 (68) | 0.05 MAX. |
| | | D 974-64 (68) | |
| COLOR | -- | D 1500-64 (68) | 6.0 MAX. |
| APPEARANCE | -- | VISUAL | BRILLIANT |
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